Constitution of State Literacy Missions

3013. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued direction to all State Government to constitute State Literacy Mission authorities, to decentralise the literacy programme to enable the States to linalise the project at the State level; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the guidelines that have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNET (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the salient features in the guidelines for setting up State Literacy Missions (SLMs) are:—

(i) The SLM will be a registered body with a proper constitution with Memorandum/Articles of Association and Rules/Regulations.

(ii) It will have a General Council and an Executive Committee.

(iii) It will have a Project Approval Committee for sanctioning projects.

(iv) The state Directorate of Adult Education will function as the Secretariat of SLM.

(v) The power to saction projects will be devolved to SLMs only after ascertaining the commitment of the State Governments at the highest level for literacy and education programmes and only when at least 50% of the sanctioned Total/Post Literacy districts have recorded satisfactory achievement.

Infrastructure for Cultivation of Oil Palm

3014. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for infrasturcture development to enhance cultivation of Oil Palm in the country;

(b) whether there are proposals to develop nurseries and demonstration processing units;

(c) if so, whether such units will be located in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Oil Palm nurseries have been developed in the districts identified suitable for Oil Palm cultivation in Andhra Pradesh and a demonstration processing unit has been established in West Godavari disctrict of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Elementary Teacher Eduction Courses

3015. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Elementary Teacher Education Courses are being conducted by some Institutions in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of such Institutes with elibilities, period of admission prescribed for each Institution;

(c) whether some criteria for selection of candidates in the course has been prescribed by each Institution;

(d) whether some pre-selection preparation is provided at official and non-official level; and

(e) if so, the detials thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURSE DEVEOLPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of strengthening of Teacher Education, the following District Institutes of Education, the following District Institutes of Education & Training (DIETs) have been established in Delhi for imparting training to Elemenatary Teachers.

1. DIET, Rajinder Nagar
2. DIET, Keshavpuram
3. DIET, Moti Bagh
4. DIET, Shahdara
5. DIET, Daryaganj

Eligibility for admission to pre-service training course in DIETs is 10+2 or its equivalent examination with 50% marks. Candidates should not be less than 17 years and more than 30 years of age as on 30.9.1996 of that year.

The candidates belonging to Reserved Categories get 5% relaxation in marks and five years relaxation in age (in upper limit only)

Admissions are made in July every year on the basis of an entrance test.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The guidelines regarding Design of Entrance Test Question papers are provided in the prospectus.

Implementation of SUBAC in Gujarat

3016. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a centrally sponsored scheme called the Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Base Cropping System Areas (SUBAC) is being implemented by Government in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any substantial improvement in the production and productivity of sugarcane has been noticed in the State after the introduction of SUBAC;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps Government propose to take to increase the sugarcane production in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) is being implemented in 21 States/UTs including Gujarat on funding pattern of 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Government. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for the transfer of technology through field demonstrations and training of farmers. Besides, incentives are given for seed production, supply of farm implements/drip irrigation system, establishment of tissue culture laboratories, heat-treatment plants etc.

(c) and (d) The Scheme was launched in 1995-96 and it is too early to evaluate the impact on production and productivity of the crop.

(e) Besides above, research in sugarcane is being undertaken for improving technology inlcuding varieties.

Environment Clearance for Rathong Chu Power Project

3017. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had accorded formal environmental clearance of the 30 M.W. Rathong Chu Power Project in West Sikkim in September, 1995 on the basis of report submitted by the State Government that a total of 110 trees of below 4 in 15 hec. Reserve Forest Land required for the project and about 200 Fodder trees and 300 bamboos in the private land 25 hec. acquired will only be cut; and

(b) if this be so, whether the State Government submitted false statement to